

MEMORANDUM

December 10, 2002

TO: Governor

FROM: John

RE: Blitz Build at JSU

This will be the usual blitz build event, with an added press opportunity. Channel One, a Los Angeles based media outlet, broadcasts news stories in 12,000 schools across the country every day. They are doing a feature story on the “Computers in the Classroom” initiative. Angela Hunter with Channel One will be at the event tomorrow at JSU and we have set up an interview with her.

The New York Times will have a reporter there doing a story as well.

Key points:

- MS confirmed by NGA as first state in nation with Internet-accessible computers in every classroom.
 - NGA: “MS at the head of the wave of technological innovation.”
- A child in Jumpertown, MS – population 400 – will have same opportunities to learn as child in Jackson, MS.
- We’re putting computers in more than 32,000 classrooms across the state.
- Excitement of watching kids build computers to help the next generation learn.